

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 249

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Danielle Smith on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Westmoreland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Smith is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Westmoreland High School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; she will now compete for State Teacher of the Year honors; and

WHEREAS, she received her teaching degree with a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Tennessee and has since earned a Master's degree in curriculum and instruction; and

WHEREAS, a fifth-generation educator, Mrs. Smith has served as a teacher with acumen and alacrity for ten years; for the past six years, she has taught U.S. History,

Economics, and, for the last four years, Contemporary Issues, at Westmoreland High School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work at Westmoreland High School, Danielle Smith has also taught at E.B. Wilson Night School in Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, her teaching philosophy holds that learning occurs through activity, and that interaction with students is vital to a productive learning environment; and

WHEREAS, according to Mrs. Smith, "You must appreciate each student's differences and embrace those differences"; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Smith truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Danielle Smith is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Jeff, and sons, Reed and Ethan; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Smith truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Danielle Smith on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Westmoreland High School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.